

American Hairless Terrier

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Height 12" to 16"

General Appearance – Small to medium sized, smoothly muscled and active. Slightly longer than tall. Hairless variety unsuited for hunting. Overall appearance is strong but moderate with firm, smooth, flat muscles.

Head –Viewed from the front or side the head forms a blunt wedge. **Skull**- Broad, slightly domed and tapers slightly.

Muzzle- Well filled under eyes, tapers slightly. Equal length with skull. **Nose**- Solid colored, can be black or self-colored.

Bite-Scissors or level. **Eyes** – Round, set obliquely, somewhat prominent but moderate in size. Color varies with body color.

Ears-V-shaped, set at outside edge of skull. Erect ears preferred, tipped or button acceptable.

Topline- Strong and level whether standing or moving.

Body- Forechest extends in front of forelegs. Brisket extends to or just below the elbow. The loin is moderately short, slightly arched and muscular, with moderate tuck-up. The croup is slightly sloping. **Tail**- Comes off the end of the croup, almost reaches the hock. Held upward in a slight curve when dog is alert and may be carried out or in a slight curve when in motion. **Legs**-Removal of front dewclaws is optional, but rear dewclaws must be removed.

Coat-Coated – Covered with a short, dense coat that has a sheen. Lacking full coat is seriously faulted. **Hairless**- Should be free from hair except for whiskers and guard hairs on eyebrows and muzzle. Short, very fine (vellus) hair may be present on the body of the mature dog. The skin is smooth and warm to the touch.

Color- Any color or combination of colors, except albino or merle.

Temperament- Energetic, alert, curious and intelligent.

DISQUALIFICATIONS:

- Hanging ears.
- Bobtail or docked tail on the hairless variety.
- In the coated variety – wire, broken or long coat.
- Merle color or albinism

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